

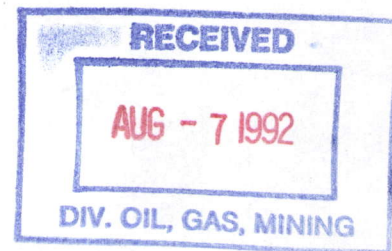


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Mr. Clayton Landa
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RE: Barrick Dump Leach No. 2 Initial Neutralization,
Request to use Tailings Reclaim Water,
Stipulation and Consent Order, Docket No. GW-
90-03-A.

Dear Mr. Landa:

We have reviewed your request to use tailings pond reclaim water in the initial steps of neutralization of Dump Leach No. 2.

This letter constitutes conditional approval of the use of Tailings Pond reclaim water, contingent upon satisfactory resolution of all outstanding issues from the July 10, 1992 Neutralization Plan. These outstanding issues will be forwarded to you shortly by letter from the Executive Secretary.

Please be advised that if at a future date the Executive Secretary determines that tailings pond reclaim water is unacceptable for use in neutralization, Barrick will be required to use another water for neutralization purposes.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Loren Morton at 538-6146. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

Don A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary

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